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A few Words to all, &c.

THe people of the Lord, who you in scorn call *Quakers*, may in this day truly say as *David* said, that you and other Plowers have plowed a long time upon our backs, and made deep Furrowes, but now is the time coming, that the righteous God, will hew your snares asunder, therefore fear and dread our God, for he is come, in ten thousands of his Saints, to judge the World of ungodly Men, and to rebuke all the ungodly amongst them, for all their ungodly deeds, and hard speeches against him, and for this cause (and no other) have you in this day, as well as those Rulers that our God cast out before you, risen up against us, in persecuting, imprisoning, beating with Armed Souldiers, stocking, stoning, haling, and shamefully abusing an innocent harmless people, who have in patience suffered under you and them, ever since the Lord came to raign in us, but now you have got to the height of your persecution, and not much higher our God will suffer you to goe, nor he never did any, when they came to that heighth of wickedness and cruelty, that now you are come unto, for the Lord hath suffered Persecutors to plow long upon his peoples backs, that so he might try and exercise his peoples faith and patience, as he hath suffered those before you, and now hath suffered you, but when plowing upon their backs would not satisfie them, as beating, haling, and imprisoning of them, but they would get a Law, or Decree, made to root out, banish, or to kill, and destroy the whole Seed of righteous *Israel*, and to boast as *Pharaoh* and his Hoast did, * I will pursue, I will overtake them, I will divide the spoyle, my lust shall be satisfied upon them, I will draw my sword, my hand shall destroy them, (or) will banish them out of my Land, except they will

* Exod. 15. 9.

worship according as I shall command them, I say when ... Persecutors came to this stature in wickedness, ... time was near an end, and deliverance near to ... secuted.

The first that came to this stature in wickedness ... *Cain*, who was the elder Brother of all Persecutors, ... punishment for killing his righteous brother about ... was greater then he was able to bear (as himself confessed) *Genesis* the 4.

Read the sin of the old World, *Genesis* 6. & 11. ... *also* (or the old World) *was corrupt before God: for the ... was filled with violence.* (or cruelty) Persecution is ... and for this the Lord swept away the World of ungodly ... they perished in the Waters, but saved righteous ... persecuted, alive in the Ark with his Family.

Exod. 5. 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12. And read *Exodus* how wicked *Pharaoh* oppressed ... long time, but when the Lord sent his servant *Moses* ... their Conducter and Leader, out of his house of ... then *Pharaoh* oppressed them more, when they desired ... sacrifice to the Lord their God, then he said the people ... idle, let them have no more Straw given them, but let ... goe and gather it where they can find it, yet said he to ... Officers, let them diminish nothing of their dayes ... but let them make their whole Taile of Brick as formerly, ... so the Officers came and beat them, and threatned them, ... they cryed unto the Lord, and the Lord heard the cry of ... afflicted, and he delivered them, and sent his plagues ... *Pharaoh*, and upon his Land and People, so that at ... let *Israel* goe, but as soon as they were gone out from ... *Pharaoh* came to that stature of wickedness, both he and ... people, as the Persecuters in *England* are at this day, ... they consented to pursue, and to destroy them at once, (for ... would rid the Land of them) but the Lord delivered ... and that which delivered them, was the destruction of ... raoh*, and all his Host, *Exodus* 14.

Deut. 18. 15. Now *Moses* wrote afterwards that the Lord would ... his people up a Prophet like unto him, from among ... brethren, and him they should hear in all things, and ...

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[illegible] prophesie, the Lord hath raised up this Prophet, [illegible] of us, *the Light Christ Jesus*, and he hath en[illegible] us, and the Lord hath sent him to be our guide, [illegible] Conducter out of *spiritual Egipt*, where formerly he was [illegible]

[illegible] now we may call to remembrance the dayes that are [illegible], as the Apostle wrote, that after Christ Jesus the [illegible] came unto us, and we received the Light, how we [illegible] indured a great fight in affliction, and as it were in E[illegible] after *Moses* was sent of the Lord to lead his people forth, [illegible] hath been with us ever since we received the *Light*, the [illegible] *Moses* wrote of, how have our Persecutors oppres[illegible], and in no wise they will yield that we shall sacrifice to [illegible] Lord our God, as Christ Jesus the Light in us, shall di[illegible] us, and they have far exceeded *Pharaoh* and his Task-[illegible] in cruelty towards us (though we are free-born, and [illegible] were strangers) as instance *Pharaohs* bondage to *Israel*, [illegible] chiefly to the outward man, in oppressing of them with [illegible] labour, now if our Task-masters would but doe so to [illegible], and not oppresse our consciences, we should look upon [illegible] to be merciful men, if they would let us labour for our [illegible]hood, for our Wives and little Infants in the Land of [illegible] Nativity, but they will not, but cast us, and some of [illegible] Wives and Children, into nasty stinking holes and dun[illegible], and there for their pleasure keep us from labouring [illegible] for our selves, or for to get Bred for our Families, [illegible] great penalties upon the cruel Goalers, that we may [illegible] liberty to goe abroad, not so much as to breath in [illegible] Ayre, neither allow any of us one farthing of Allowance, [illegible] keep us alive, within their stone walls, and yet as *Pharaoh* [illegible] heavier Taxes upon us to pay then ever, and yet will not [illegible] labour with our hands, to get therein, but sends their [illegible] to our habitations, where our small Children are, [illegible] there tare away that little we have left them, to pay the [illegible] Taxes, and to pay those false Prophets that teach for [illegible], oh cruelty of all cruelties, far exceeding *Egipts* bon[illegible], for we never read that they ever imprisoned the *Israe*[illegible], and not let them labour, but only oppressed them with

Heb. 10. 32, 33.

labour

labour; neither were they ever denyed the benefit of
Ayre to breath in, as our Protestant persecuters do
this day; and we have cryed to the Lord our God, and
innocent sufferings hath been spread before him, and he
livered us from the generation of Protestant persecuters
were in *Oliver*'s days; and his Righteous judgments
swept them away, as he did others in days past. But yet
they were not grown to that stature in wickedness, as
the Protestant persecuters are: For now we are not
imprisoned, hundreds together, in noisom Goales (
Math. 5. 34, 35. many have sealed their Testimonies with their bloods for
Truths sake,) but now we are cast into Prison, becau
will not break an express Command of Christ, (whom
Persecuters falsly calls their Saviour) who saith expres
James 5. 12. *Sware not at all, neither by Heaven, nor by Earth, nor by any*
other Oath. And further, if we will not break this Law,
sware by that Book, which saith, we must not swear,
must by their Law be banished from the land of our Nativ
from our Wives and little Children, and dearest Relation
into forreign Lands, there to seek our Bread among
gers; and if ever we return within seven years, we are
the cruel Law to die without mercy; and whoever shall
ship the true God, if they be above the number of four
sides the Houshold, except in that way, time and pla
which man hath invented, he or she shall undergo the
penalties as aforesaid.

To Persecutors in this Age, let it be told to those,
In Cruelty they have out-stript, Pharaoh and all that

Numb. 22. 5, 6. The next that we read of that was grown to this
in wickedness, as to root out and destroy the *Israel* of
it was *Balak* King of *Moab*, for as the persecuters in
day would have the Lords own People that fear him,
all banished, so *Balak* in his day, he would have had them
cursed, (he being all by one and the same spirit) what
cost him, and for money and for reward *Balaam* would
lingly have curled them, but the Lord would not in

[illegible] (as he will not let his People be banished in this day) [illegible] *Balaam* blesse them altogether, and we read that [illegible] *Balaam* went to curse *Israel*, he rode upon an *Asse*, and [illegible], the Angell of the Lord stood in his way with his [illegible] drawn in his hand, and the *Asse* saw the Angell and [illegible] out of the way, and the foolish Prophet saw not the [illegible] hand in the way, then the Angell went farther and [illegible] in a narrow place, and the *Asse* seeing the Lord again [illegible] the way, she rushed on the one side, and dashed *Ba-* [illegible] foot against the wall, yet the mad Prophet all this [illegible] saw not the Lord, but attempted the third time to go [illegible] to have cursed *Israel*.

[illegible] let all Protestant Persecuters read their figure. [illegible] King of *Moab*, he by all means, what ever it cost him, [illegible] have had the People of the Lord to have been cursed, [illegible] so he might have rid his land of them, & to have destroy- [illegible], and this was from the same spirit, that men in this [illegible] would have the People of the Lord banished out of the [illegible], it is the spirit of *Balaam*, the false Prophet, that hath [illegible] the people to this stature in wickednesse as to banish [illegible] that fear the Lord, and that cannot put into the [illegible] of the false Prophets, for they are they that have in [illegible] and in this age stirred up the Rulers and People to [illegible] Gods servants, and they seeing that Imprisoning, [illegible], Beating, Cutting with armed Souldiers, Stocking, [illegible], Whipping, will not make an end of them that [illegible] the Lord, now they have got a Law (contrary to Law) [illegible] them, the Husband from the Wife, and both from [illegible] Infants, not at all regarding Age nor Sex, rending [illegible] in pieces, O hard hearted Protestants! what, no [illegible] the little Infants? must they be left crying day and [illegible] in thy streets O *England*? & no care taken for them? [illegible] your hearts harder then the flint? what, banish Pa- [illegible] from their tender Infants, and the pittifull Mother from [illegible] Babe! and banish them into a forreign Land, and [illegible] because they will not break the commandment of him [illegible] you call your Saviour and Redeemer, and because [illegible] worship the living God in spirit and in truth according

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to the Scriptures, you say you own and professe, O [illegible] stant persecuters, you have quite lost your natural [illegible] you have outstripped all that ever went before you, [illegible] the hearbs of the field and they will teach you, [illegible] hearb that is naturally hot, cause the other hearb that [illegible] turally cold, that it shall not grow by it? no, they [illegible] grow together close by one another in unity, and go to [illegible] birds of the air, and they will instruct you, for they live [illegible] gether, and do not strive to beat one another forth of [illegible] Country where they have been brought forth, & go to [illegible] children and they will condemn you persecuters, for [illegible] can play together in unity, but you have no pitty to the [illegible] ing babes, nor to the gray hairs, nor to him that leans [illegible] his staff for very age, and thus you have hardened your [illegible] hearts, untill the Lord hath given you up to harden [illegible] heart, which is the greatest of all judgments, and the [illegible] to destruction, and so you go on and strive against your [illegible] ker, and as yet you have not given ear to those whom [illegible] Lord hath sent unto you, to warn you of the evill of your [illegible] wayes, but you have hardened your hearts as *Pharaoh*, [illegible] you will not let *Israel* go, but this I tell you all, who [illegible] hastening to banish Gods People from amongst you, [illegible] our God hath set himself in your way with his sword drawn [illegible] in his hand, and the poor Sea-Men whom you make [illegible] Asses, (or would do) they see the Lord stand in their [illegible] and they have these two times turned out of the way [illegible] they were a going to carry the innocent into bond- [illegible] ment, but the spirit of *Balaam* who would force them [illegible] carry them, he sees not the Lord, the Lord hath open'd [illegible] mouth of the Sea-Men both at *Deal* and also at *Bristol*, and [illegible] they have confessed to the whole Nation, and given it under [illegible] their hands, that they see the Lord stand in their way, [illegible] first saw him, crossing them in all their outward things, [illegible] after they undertook to carry innocent *Israel* from their [illegible] Land; but at *Bristol* there the Lord met them in a nearer [illegible] place, *viz.* in the Conscience, and they gave it under [illegible] hands, *that their Consciences would in no wise let them be at* [illegible] *rest, or peace; and that the plagues would follow them,* (or else [illegible]

[illegible] yet under pain of a curse thinks) whether such as they [illegible] and those that [illegible] of the plague, sin in their heart [illegible] and that they dare in no wise carry them, because, [illegible] the wise be innocent persons, and desired to walk in [illegible] the Lord; and thus hath our God opened the eyes [illegible] whom you would make your Asses, (the poor Sea- [illegible] that they see the Lord, and also their mouths to speak [illegible] his people; and for this cause hath he opened their [illegible] to reprove the madness of the wicked Prophets [illegible] not the Lord, therefore let it be a warning to all [illegible] that will would have them soothed, that the Lord [illegible] promised shall dwell in their own Land; that you make [illegible] third attempt to ride the Ass out again, to drive on [illegible] design, for our God stands still in the way, and if you [illegible] not be warned, he will slay you, and preserve and keep [illegible] All alive.

2 Pet. 2. 16.

Jer. 23. 8.

Numb. 22. 31. 32, 33.

Therefore out of true love & pity once more to you, thus [illegible] been moved of the Lord to write to you, that so you [illegible] and Repent, and cease from the cruel and unheard of [illegible] nation; for the seed whom the Lord hath according to [illegible] promise, raised in this Northern Island, as *Jeremiah* fore- [illegible] shall dwell in their own Land, the mouth of the Lord of [illegible] hath spoken it.

Jer. 23. 8.

Esth. 3. & 4. Chap.

Esth. 3. 1.

Exod. 17 14.

[illegible] another we read of that undertook this wicked work [illegible] cating out the Lords own people, it was wicked *Ha-* [illegible] in the days of *Esther*, and it runs parralel directly with [illegible] actors in these days, what do we read that proud *Ha-* [illegible] had or could justly charge the seed of *Israel* with, as was [illegible] in his days, but that *Mordecai* the Jew sat in the Kings [illegible] and would not bow the knee to one who was of the [illegible] of *Amalek*, who were the first of the Nation that arose [illegible] *Israel*, when they were coming out of *Egypt*; a non- [illegible] whom God had formerly Cursed, whom the Lord said [illegible] would have war with (for that Cause) *from generation to* [illegible] *nation*, and he would blot out his name from under hea- [illegible] *ven*; *Haman* I say, being great with the King, and being fil- [illegible] with envy, laid false accusations against an innocent peo- [illegible] ple to the King, that it was not for the Kings profit

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fit to suffer them to live, & the King being willing to grant his flatterers, granted his request, and sealed the decree, not only against righteous *Mordecai*, but against the whole Seed of
2 Thes. 1. 6. *Israel*, that dwell amongst them, but then it was *A righteous thing with the Lord to render tribulation to them that troubled his*
Esther 7. 10. *People*, as it hath been and will be ever, for the same one that *Haman* commanded to be built to hang *Mordecai* on, the the Lord caused it that he himself was hanged thereon, and those who by that unrighteous law had power given them to
Chap. 9. have destroyed *Israel*, the Lord brought it so to passe that they were slain themselves, as thou may read *Esther*: so what hath the People of the Lord (who in scorn are called *Quakers*) done, that is evil against the proud *Hamans* in this day? hath any of them made Insurrection, Plot, or Conspicies, or any ways gone about to subvert the Government, or have they any wayes wronged any man in their outward goods or good name, or have they been a people that have lived contentiously with their neighbours, or in pride, idlenesse, vanity, or excesse, let Gods witnesse in the hearts of all people that have known us answer? or have we been a people that have made a profession of scriptures, and lived contrary unto them in our lives and conversations, let those who are our persecuters (and that are found doing so) make it appear to the Nation if they can; but is not that the greatest and cheifest cause of our persecutors wrath against us, that we cannot *respect their persons*, nor give them *flattering*
Job 23. 21, 22. *titles*, because the scriptures which they professe forbids us and saith *it is sin*; nay, though our persecuters have never so much favour or honour from the King, and have what their hearts can desire, yet what doth all avail them, while they see poor righteous *Mordecais* brought before the judgment
John 5. 44. seats, and cannot bow the knee to that which is out of the faith of Christ, and that seeks honour, or receives honour one of another, and so those that walks according to the holy Scriptures, are with such men counted of evill behaviour, and so at all times suffers under them for well doing, and not for evill, and such men who are filled with envy against us, have (to satisfie their bloody intents) falsly accused us before those

that are in authority, and by that means have procured
laws to be made, figued and ſealed againſt us, for peace-
able meeting together, to worſhip the Lord in ſpirit and in
truth, and in by the execution of that unnatural Law, to
drive us out of the land of our nativity, and ſo to race out
the ſeed whom the Lord hath raiſed in this northern Iſland, Jer. 23. 8.
but unto our God we make our appeal, he having raiſed in us
the ſame ſpirit that was in righteous *Mordecai*, and that was
in the three Children, that we know *Our God is able to de-*
liver us, and he will deliver us, and in him alone we wait for Dan 3. 17. 18.
deliverance, and he never yet failed any that were by wick-
ed men deſigned to be univerſally rooted out for their obe-
dience to the Lord in any age, as before mentioned (as we
are by you at this day,) but if he ſhould not deliver us, be
it known to you our perſecutors, that we will not be of
that Religion that you are of, to profeſſe God, Chriſt, and
the ſcriptures, and walk and practice the clean contrary way to
what you profeſſe, and what the ſcriptures declare of; Nay
contrary to what your book of Common Prayer ſpeaks of,
for that ſaith that you ſhould *forſake the Devill and all his*
works, and keep Gods holy will and commandments, and walk in
the ſame all the dayes of your lives, and that you ſhould hurt no
body by word or deed, but ſhould be true and juſt in all your deal-
ings, that you ſhould bear no malice nor hatred in your hearts,
that you ſhould do to all men as you would they ſhould do unto you,
and not falſly accuſe nor bear falſe witneſſe againſt your neigh-
bours, and that you ſhould not live in the pomps and vanities of
this wicked world, nor in the ſinfull luſts of the fleſh, and ſhould
alſo follow nor be led by them, and it ſaith (that the Lord
helpe) *that we ſhall labour ſix dayes, and do all that we have to do,*
and when our perſecuters were ſprinkled, had not they their
ſureties (or bondmen) who undertook for them that they
ſhould see them brought up in living out of the aforeſaid e-
vils, and when they came to age themſelves, were they not
bound to perform the ſame? but do either their ſureties or
themſelves keep their bond or promiſes, but by their acti-
ons they are found walking contrary to godlyneſſe, but be
ye not deceived, for God will not be mocked by you, for

Read your Common-Prayer, & ſee whether your practice be according.

that which you sow that you must reap, and our God is unchangeable, he is the same yesterday and to day and for ever, and therefore it is, that the true *Israel* that fears and serves him never hath been consumed, nor never shall be.

For when Hamans *envy is grown so great,*
that Israel *shall not live,*
Then that's the time for God's own power,
deliverance for to give.

Gal 4 29. And again, he that was born after the flesh, would be persecuting him that was born after the spirit, and in *Nebuchad-nezzar*'s time, the persecuting spirit was grown to his full height in wickedness, and they after that the

read Dan. 3. King had set up the Golden Image, and had made a decree that all his people should at the sound of the instruments, fall down and worship the Golden Image that the King had set up, and in that day there were three of the seed of *Israel* that know the true God, and worshipped him, and they could not fall down and worship the Image the King had set up; then those who were filled with envy, accused them before the King, and incensed the King against them, and they regarding not the Kings decree, said that they were not careful to answer the King in that matter, for our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the fiery Furnace, and he will deliver us out of thy hands O King; but if not, be it known unto thee O King, that we will not serve thy Gods nor worship thy golden Image that thou hast set up; then the Kings wrath arose, and he caused the Furnace to be heated seven times hotter than before, and commanded to bind the three servants of the Lord; and those that undertook to carry and cast them into the flames, the fire slew those men and burnt them, and the Lord preserved the other in the flames, and had no hurt at all.

Dan. 3. 20, 21, 22, &c.

O Persecutors, Read these Lines, and strive not against God, lest he will strike and also smite you with his Iron Rod.

...how evident it is that persecutors in all ages ...in this age, ever regarded the works of the Lord, ...takes notice how the Lord hath ever in all Ages ...pursued this great sin of persecution (let it be found ...it will) with his dreadfull Judgements; Nay, they ...take no notice, though in the same age, and though they ...how the Lord hath swept away others before their fa- read Dan. the ...yet they being blinded so with envy, that they will at- 6. Chap ...the same evil themselves again, as we may read that ...because he feared the living God, and worshipp'd him ...and in truth, therefore those envious men that knew ...enough what the Lord had done to those that had a hand ...the three Children into the Furnace, yet those ...would attempt the same evil against *Daniel*, and they see ...no wise catch him in any thing concerning his ...conversation, but only concerning his God, therefore ...contrived to perswade the King to make a Law (as ...envious spirit hath done often since) and the Law ...*that if any man asked any Petition or Request of any ...save of the King himself, for thirty days, that then he ...cast into the Lyons Den*, and this wicked law was sign- ...ed by the King; but for all this wicked Decree, ...regarded not it, but he not only prayed three times a ...arose God, but he set his window open (let who ...him) and prayed to his God as at other times, ...this wicked decree did not long want executi- ...those that watched him, could the King, how *Da- ...did not the King's law, then was *Daniel* according ...cast into the Lyons Den, but in the Den there ...appeared, and shut the mouth of the hungry Lyons ...devoured *Daniel*, but then it was a righteous thing ...Lord, *To render tribulation to those that troubled his* ...and the King did righteously in causing *Daniel* to be ...out of the Den, and also commanded that those ...caused Daniel to be cast in, that they should be cast Dan. 6. 24. ...themselves; and the text saith, that the Lyons had the ...over them and broke all their bones in pieces before ...came at the ground of the Den; now both these

deliverances from the fire, and from the Lyons [illegible] one age, and the Persecutors destruction also; [illegible] men in this Age, who are of the same envious spirit, acting the same evil against the Servants of the Lord, would not take warning by others, but went on, [illegible] Lords judgments swept them away.

Know Persecutors we have a God
That is over you with his Might,
That can cause the Fire it shall not burn,
Nor let hungry Lyons bite.

Now all you that in this day are so hard at work, [illegible] are doing the very same evil in the ground of it, [illegible] that the Holy Scriptures hath left you upon record, for your learning; and for that end the Lord gave the Scriptures forth by his Servants, that so you might see how [illegible] dealt with the Servants of the Lord in ages past, [illegible] were grown to such a stature in wickedness, as to get [illegible] made by their Kings, or Rulers, to root out and [illegible] the people of the Lord. And also, you may read in Scripture how, when ever any of his Servants were in any Age [illegible] at by wicked men to be wholly rooted out, from [illegible] Earth; that then at all times, the Lords power appeared, wrought deliverance for his people, and ever brought destruction upon the Enemies: But now if any are grown desperately wicked, as not to believe nor to give any [illegible] to the Holy Scriptures, neither will be learned by [illegible] notwithstanding, he hears the Curses that are there [illegible]

Deut. 29. 19, 20. against such wicked practices, the wrath of the Lord will smoke against that man or men whoever they be, [illegible] curse that is written in the Scriptures shall light upon [illegible] man; and the Lord shall put out his Name from under [illegible]

And now all you that call your selves (or would be) [illegible] Christian Magestrates, or Rulers, can you read that [illegible] Christians or any that feared the Lord, ever were found [illegible] ing such a work, as you are doing at this day, to [illegible] innocent, harmless, peaceable, laborious people, that

God, from their dear Wives and tender Infants; dear and near Relations, into Forreign Lands, expose them to greater misery and hardship, then Will ever those you call Heathens and Infidels of the Christian Religion? or ever have any love unto it, when they shall hear of such cruelty by you? and that against your own Brethren; as to them for their Consciences towards their God; and shall hear what large promises of liberty concerning Conscience you have made unto us, and yet regard it not banish us as aforesaid; can they ever give credit Math. 5. 16. your words; should not your Light so shine before they might see your good works, and so come to God: Now good workes are Fruits of the Gal. 5. 22. *Love, joy, peace, long suffering, gentleness, goodness, faithfulness, temperance, against such there is no Law*, to imprison and to banish those that fears the Lord, is not a fruit of the Spirit, but a work of the flesh; for the workes of the flesh are manifest, *Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, Idolatry, Witchcraft, hatred, debate, emulations, wrath, contentions, seditions, heresies, envy, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like*: and the Apostle said, *That they which do such things shall not inherit the Kingdom of God*. Now let not themselves so much, as to call themselves Christian Magistrates, and Rulers, while they are found doing things as are clear contrary to Christs Doctrines, and the Scriptures; Now those that are found imprisoning, whipping, and banishing of those that feares the Lord, would not have others do so unto them, such are out of the Doctrine, and such as fine, imprison, and banish those for Conscience towards God cannot sware, because Math. 5. 34, 35. 36. and his Apostle forbids it, such are out of Christs Doctrine; and such as are parting Man and Wife, whom God hath joyned together, and for meeting together to worship the God in spirit and in truth, these men are out of the Doctrine, and are contrary to Scripture, and such as will let peaceable people labour with their hands, and so provide for their Families, but shut them up in Prisons, and

and there keep them during their pleasures, [illegible]
by the Scriptures counted worse then [illegible]
nies the Faith.

read Mich. 3. And wicked men in all ages have counted the [illegible]
the Lord that have lived amongst them to be [illegible]
themselves to be the *Wheat*, and such have in all [illegible]
devoured to all contrary to Christ's doctrine [illegible]
mands, and they by no means will let them grow [illegible]
by them, but they will be plucking out the *Tares* (as [illegible]
selves call them) but Christ bids such men let them [illegible]
and let them grow together untill the harvest, and [illegible]
harvest (he saith) is the end of the World, but [illegible]
who will not believe Christ's doctrine are none of [illegible]
are the *Tares* which the Devill hath sown amongst the [illegible]
and such men for want of true judgment have ever [illegible]
mistook the *Tares*, and endeavour to pluck up the [illegible]
for never in any age, neither in this age, durst [illegible]
ever go about to prove such to be *Tares* that [illegible]
gon about to pluck up, which if they could prove [illegible]
be *Tares*, yet according to Christ's doctrine, they [illegible]
let them alone, and to let them grow together [illegible]
harvest.

Now this I say unto you, who ever at this day [illegible]
persecuting, plucking up, and rooting up Gods [illegible]
James. 4. 12. no evill don by them, but only for their conscience [illegible]
God, knowing him to be *The alone Law-giver that [illegible]*
save and to destroy, and no mortall Man whatsoe[illegible]
power to give laws to bind the conscience to the [illegible]
God, because it is Gods throne which is the [illegible]
Heaven within us, where God sits chief Judge [illegible]
giver, I say unto all you, that the Lord hath by [illegible]
spirit given you the holy scriptures for to instruct, [illegible]
and reprove you, that so Kings, as well as their [illegible]
might live answerable unto them, and all their [illegible]
subject to the higher powers, which power is God, [illegible]
you will not be subject unto this higher power, but [illegible]
your selves over Gods throne (the conscience) [illegible]
will make laws over it, contrary to Gods laws, and [illegible]

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[illegible]cripture, the Lords hand will be stretched out a-[illegible] you, (for he never spared any that would by force [illegible] his throne) but as you may read how he hath done to [illegible], so he will do unto you, therefore fear our God and [illegible], and cease doing wickedly against his people before [illegible] day which is near, come upon you.

A few words to the suffering Lambs of Christs that lye in his Fould of Rest.

DEar suffering Lambs, who are gather'd into the fould of Rest, be not afraid though the hungry Foxes you hear run barking about the Fould, [illegible] Shepherd is watchful, he hath, and will feed you [illegible] Pasture; and at his pleasure he can take the [illegible] Foxes, stray not forth of your Fould of Rest; [illegible] still and quiet, be not troubled at the howling [illegible] Foxes, for your Shepherd will not give you to [illegible] for them, it is the Lamb that the wild hungry [illegible] of prey would devour; but our God will sud-[illegible] rebuke the devourer, for he hath gathered you [illegible] own power into his own Fould; and he hath [illegible] you, ever since he gathered you. You [illegible] remember how your Shepherd preserved you [illegible] those that sought to devour you in days past, and [illegible] rebuked those devourers in O, C's days; and [illegible] brought his judgments upon them, for touch-[illegible] his Anointed, and for doing of his Prophets [illegible]; and fear not though now you are incompassed [illegible] side with those that would devour you; It [illegible] for a little time, for the tryal of your Faith, and

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patience, you have the Holy Writings of God, the Prophets, and Apostles, and you have received them, to learn you, and to instruct you; and you are those who are come to fulfill Scriptures, and they are fulfilled in you, having received the same Spirit that gave them forth; and you are those that the Scripture speaks of, *that have broke your Swords into Sickles, and your Spears into pruning hooks*; and that have learned to war no more with Carnal weapons; and you are the seed that the Lord hath raised, in this Northern Island, as *Jeremiah* foretold, *and to be cut out without hands that must brake the Image to peices, and grind and fill the whole Earth.* And you are the noble company of *Warriors* that follows the Lamb, who is your Captain, to fight with the Dragon, the Beast and false Prophets; and that shall be sure to have the Victory, *Revel.* 19. and you are those that are coming out of *great tribulation, having washed your long white Robes in the blood of the Lamb.* Therefore I say to you all trust in the Lord, and wait upon him, keep to the Fould; for though you are now designed to be rooted out, yet remember and believe that there is no power but what is in our Gods hand, and he never forsook any that were designed by a Law to be rooted out for their obedience to the Lord, as you are at this day. And though he tryed his people, and did not deliver untill in the Furnace, nor untill *Daniel* was in the Den, yet then his power appeared for their deliverance, and also for the destruction of their Enemies; so all you Lambs be faithful unto the Lord, and trust in him, and your deliverance will assuredly come, as those former deliverances came to the Lords people, who were by a Law (made by envious men) to be destroyed, and

be rooted out; and no more we read of in Scripture, that were by a Law thus sentenced, as we are at this day: and for our deliverance our God hath appeared, and doth appear, though our Enemies shut their eyes and will not take notice of it, but still go on to provoke the Lord, who hath done so great things for them; and now that which the Lord spoke through his Servant the Prophet *Esdras*, is now a fulfilling as all may read, *For there shall be in every place, and in the next Cities a great Insurrection, upon those that fear the Lord.*

71. *For.* *They shall be like mad men, sparing none, but fall spoyling and destroying those that fears the Lord.* 1 Esdras 16. 70, 71.

72. *For they shall wast and take away their Goods, and cast them out of their Houses.*

73. *Then shall they be known who are my Chosen, and they shall be tryed as the Gold in the fire.*

74. *Hear O ye my beloved, saith the Lord, behold the days of trouble are at hand, but I will deliver you from the same.*

75. *Be ye not afraid, neither doubt, for God is your guide.*

76. *And the guide of them that keep my Commandements and Precepts.*

F. E.

The End.